

III. Remarks

A. Claim Rejection Under §103(a)

1. Claims 11-17, 28-34, and 38-43

Claims 10-17, 27-34 and 38-55 are pending in the present application.

The Action rejects all pending claims as being obvious from U.S. Patent No. 6,099,409 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,652,378 to Cannon et al.

As argued in the After Final Response filed March 21, 2005, Claims 1 and 27 recite a graphical user interface having a first set of selectable graphical identifiers, which are used to trigger reconfiguration of the table with probable payout information specific to a second selected entrant from the first race, thereby alleviating the need to scroll through multiple screens of unwanted probable payout information to initiate the display of the desired probable payout information. This display and re-display method greatly simplifies the presentation of exotic wager probable payout information to the user. The improved efficiency of the method is of particular benefit to skilled wagerers trying to quickly find and analyze probable payout information, as these wagerers often wait until very close to race time when wagering time draws to a close (i.e., when the probable payouts are most accurate) to place wagers.

Independent Claims 1 and 27 have also been amended to recite that the graphical user interface screen includes a second set of a plurality of selectable graphical identifiers each associated with a respective combination of entrants for said exotic wager type, selection of a selectable graphical identifier from said second set of selectable graphical identifiers initiating placement of a wager on a combination of entrants associated with said selected selectable graphical identifier. These independent claims now provide a system and method utilizing a graphical user interface that provides synergistic advantages over the prior art method and systems cited by the Examiner. The combination of these two sets of graphical identifiers allows a wagerer to quickly locate desired probable payout information (unlike the combination of Brenner and Cannon) and then to easily initiate an exotic wager on any combination of entrants

displayed in the table, simply by selecting the correct graphical identifier associated with the combination. In contrast, in the prior art, such as Brenner, initiation of a wager and display of probable payout information are done through completely separate interfaces/screens. (See, e.g., FIG. 4 (step 212, Blocks C and F); FIG. 12 (wagering initiation interface); FIG. 19 (display of probable payout information); and Column 10, Lines 13-19; Column 13, Lines 17-19). It is clear that Brenner, therefore, does not teach or suggest the claimed method and system of Claims 1 and 27. Cannon, as described in the previous response, lends nothing to the disclosure of Brenner, as it merely teaches that touch screen interfaces are known in the art. Simply, Cannon provide no teaching or suggestion, even in combination with Brenner, to produce Applicant's claimed method and system.

For at least these reasons, it is submitted that Claims 1 and 27, and Claims 11-17, 28-34, and 38-43, which depend from independent Claims 1 and 27, are allowable over the art of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 40 and 43 have been amended to recite that the "selectable graphical identifiers from the second set of selectable graphical identifiers are selectable probable payout monetary values." Put another way, the displayed probable payout values from the table double as selectable graphical identifiers for initiation of the exotic wager. This feature is also neither taught nor suggested by the art of record. Therefore, it is submitted that Claims 40 and 43 are independently allowable over the art of record.

2. Claims 44-55

Event prior to amendment, Independent Claims 44 and 50 were directed to the embodiment where the table includes probable payout information for at least two types of exotic wagers (e.g., daily double and exacta, exacta and quiniela or daily double and quiniela). As previously argued, the combination of Brenner and Cannon clearly does not teach or suggest this feature. Indeed, it is submitted that the Action does not even address this limitation where probable payout information for more than one kind of exotic wager is displayed in a single table (or reconfigured table) as claimed. Indeed, it is submitted that the methodology of Brenner, even

in combination with Cannon, would require an additional set of nine screens (one for each entrant in the embodiment of FIG. 19 for the second type of exotic wager) to be generated and accessed by using the scroll feature detailed in Applicant's previous response. Applicant's claimed method and system, therefore, are clearly distinguishable from such an approach.

Still further though, Claims 44 and 50 have been amended to recite "in response to a single request" the reconfigured table is displayed and wherein said first and second entrants are selectable by said user from any entrants in said first race. These amendments are made to stress that the claimed display method and system allow the user to select the entrants from the first race in any order, alleviating the need to scroll through several screens of unwanted information, as is the case with the combination of Brenner and Cannon to arrive at the desired probable payout information. This feature is particularly important when the table displays probable payout information for more than one kind of exotic wager. As explained above, the combination of Brenner and Cannon would require the generation of nine additional screens (in the embodiment shown in FIG. 19) for potential scroll through by the user to view probable payout information for a desired entrant.

For at least these reasons, it is submitted that Claims 44 and 50, and the claims that depend therefrom, are allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

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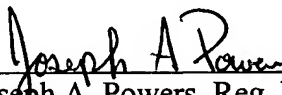
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

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